

The 1952 Mainland High School graduate was perhaps best known to the community as the director of the Herbert D. Kerman Regional Oncology Center at Halifax Health Medical Center and as the owner of Angell & Phelps Chocolate Factory that his son, Alvin Jr., now runs.

In addition, he felt a strong pull toward changing the system so more people had access to medical care, serving as president of the Volusia County Medical Society and the Florida Medical Association.

Smith was a self-confessed truant who went to fifth grade for only one day and didn't come back to school for a year. He quit high school in 10th grade and finally graduated from Mainland at the age of 21. But then he went on to become the first college graduate in his family, earning a biology degree from the University of Florida before getting his doctorate from the University of Miami.

It was as president of the Florida Medical Association in the 1990s, however, that Smith achieved one of his most enduring accomplishments: convincing then-Gov. Lawton Chiles to form an autonomous state Department of Health. During that time, he also lobbied for legislation allowing the state of Florida to sue the tobacco industry to recover Medicaid costs.

"He wanted to make sure that no patient in Florida went without the best health care they needed, regardless of their ability to pay," said Dr. Carl "Rick" Lentz, also a past president of the Florida Medical Association and a Daytona Beach surgeon.

His voice choking, Lentz recalled how Smith recently handed him his Florida Medical Association president's pin because Lentz never got one during his term as president.

"He's a wonderful human being who's been a blessing to the whole world," Lentz said. "There's not a patient who has been with him that doesn't love him. Anytime you call on Al, he's there for you."

Former County Councilman, local talk show radio host and gadfly Big John recalled meeting Smith as an "intern" at Halifax Health Medical Center in which community members were invited to spend time with doctors to learn about the hospital's functions.

"He was a great guy—great personality," John said.

Smith's boyhood longing for chocolates he couldn't afford in the window at Angell & Phelps gave way to occasional indulgence. When the chocolate factory came up for sale, he bought it to make sure all his favorite recipes stayed the same.

Daytona Beach Mayor Glenn Ritchey served with him on the Halifax Community Health System Board.

"I have known him to be a great community servant, as well as a wonderful doctor who has meant so much to our area," Ritchey said. "He'll be greatly missed."

Smith served in the U.S. Army, retiring as a major, and from the U.S. Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel. He was active in civic organizations, ranging from the Boy Scouts to the People to Prevent Nuclear War. He served on boards including the United Way, Hospice of Volusia/Flagler and A Child's Place.

"Alvin's one of the really good guys," said John E. Evans, a former TV personality and spokesman for what was then called Halifax Community Health System.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Ann; three sons, Alvin Jr., Ormond Beach, and Chuck and Mike, both of Palm Coast; a sister, Ginny Little, Ormond Beach; and six grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday at the social hall at Central Baptist Church, 142

Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Central Baptist Church. A private military burial will be next week.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2881. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3528. An act to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

H.J. Res. 43. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt (Rept. No. 110-184).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Select Committee on Intelligence, Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 2086. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend funding for 18

months for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KYL):

S. Res. 326. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 327. A resolution recognizing the 218th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SUNUNU)):

S. Res. 328. A resolution condemning the assassination on September 19, 2007, of Antoine Ghanem, a member of the Parliament of Lebanon who opposed Syrian interference in Lebanon; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 329. A resolution congratulating Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as it celebrates its 50th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the